

CROSSROADS

Sunday's Scriptures

Epistle:
Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel:
John 12:1-18

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Complete "*Evening Prayers
and Reflections*"::

[https://vimeo.com/showcase/
10926213](https://vimeo.com/showcase/10926213)

On Palm Sunday by St. Dorotheus of Gaza



In coming to the holy day of the Resurrection, we first go out to meet Our Lord and receive Him on the colt and come with him into the Holy City. What does this mean: sitting on a colt? He is seated on a colt that He may convert the soul (which, as the prophet says - Psalm 49:20), has become irrational and is compared to senseless beasts) into an image of God, and subject it to His own divinity.

What does it mean: going to meet Him with palms and olive branches? When someone marches out to war against an adversary and returns victorious, all his own people go before Him with palm branches to mark his victory.

The olive branch is the symbol of mercy. Therefore, we go out to meet our Master Christ, with palms because He is victorious – for He conquered our enemy – and with olive branches – we are asking for His mercy.

May we, by asking, conquer through Him and be found carrying the emblems of His victory, not only the victory by which He won for us, but also the victory which we also won through Him by the prayers of the saints.

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12

More information will be forthcoming



HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR!

Thank you to our volunteers who set up or host coffee hour, make coffee, clean up afterwards, and donate generously to keep it going!

Upcoming hosts are:

May 5 - **PASCHA**

We have updated instructions for set up and clean up, AND how to make the coffee!

We are looking for volunteers to make the coffee. If interested, please sign up or check with Fr. John.

IT'S A DIAPER DRIVE!!!

Did you know that financial burden is amongst the top reasons for abortion in women facing unplanned pregnancies? **Options for Her**, now located in 3 NJ locations (Cherry Hill, Trenton, and Ocean City), hopes to empower local women to choose life by providing necessary material resources (diapers) to clients in need. We are in need of **diapers in sizes 4-6**, as well as **pull-ups**, for our clients in local communities.

The hope is that through providing these diapers, women will feel more prepared and confident to choose life and embrace motherhood once again, knowing we will all be there to support them with these resources.

We are hoping OCHC can help make this possible.

Thank you!

Debbie Biskey, CEO, **Options for Her**

<https://optionsforher.org/>

This diaper drive will last through the month of April. Please bring any of the above-requested items and leave them in our vestibule.

Any questions, see **Genie Skuby**.

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Hospital Volunteers

Virtua Health is recruiting volunteers to assist the Chaplain throughout the Virtua Health Hospitals in Burlington and Camden counties. They are welcoming spiritual visitors to come and spend time with their patients, listening, and praying with them upon request. Following a training and orientation period, these volunteers will be assigned to specific times and hospital units according to their availability. Through their friendly visits, they will offer compassion and support. New volunteers will need to have a letter of endorsement from **Fr. John** and a form will be provided for that purpose. For more info, see **Diana Bisinger**.

Senior Programs offered at RCBC

<https://www.rcbc.edu/life>

LIFE = Learning Is For Everyone!

Since March 1990, under the sponsorship of Rowan College at Burlington County, LIFE has offered its members, aged 50+, the opportunity to pursue informal educational goals through a broad range of classes taught by volunteer instructors. Classes are held at the college campus in Mount Laurel and via off-site locations.

- Membership = \$80 a year or \$55 for summer only (Sept - Aug)
- Classes -All LIFE classes are taught by volunteers.
- Email: life@rcbc.edu
- Phone: (856) 242-5354

To be added to the email distribution list, please use this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctW9YBSvhHhi4B9kCOvX6EiJXFcIpb9Vg6IpJmZyE1cLHG0w/viewform>

Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver

Students aged 65 or older and who are residents of Burlington County, New Jersey are eligible for a Senior Citizen tuition waiver. Speak to an Admissions Counselor for Details

(856) 222-9311, ext. 1199 or admissions@rcbc.edu

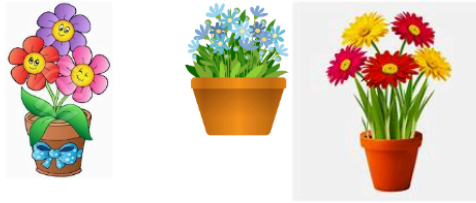
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Take classes with RCBC students!
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Take classes in a community of your peers!
LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE (LIFE)
LIFE offers membership, to those aged 50+, and gives the opportunity to explore a broad range of informal educational and social programs facilitated by volunteers.
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COMING SOON...

Mother's Day Plant Sale



Saturday and Sunday

May 11 & 12

See the faces of all the moms in your life light up with joy when you give them a beautiful potted flower on their special day. Varieties of the plants will be coming soon, and you can order your favorite flowers early so you can be sure you get the ones you want. Don't wait until the last minute!

(Benefits Inreach/Outreach)



Meet Me at the Ball Park!

Come see Whit Merrifield and the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Florida Marlins then stay after the game for the fireworks!

When: Thursday, June 27th, 2024 @ 6:20pm

Where: Citizens Bank Park
1 Citizens Bank Way
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Price: \$42.00 (Section 209 – Between first base and right field)
** Make checks payable to The Phillies

Deadline for payment: **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

given or mailed to Judy Clyde
9 Bon Air Dr.
Marlton, NJ 08053

Include your name, total number of tickets and total payment

April 28, 2024

Blessing of the Animals
ORTHODOX CHURCH
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HOLY CROSS



11 WILKINS STATION RD.
MEDFORD, NJ

**SATURDAY, MAY 18 AT 10:00
OUTSIDE IN THE PRAYER GARDEN**

**ALL PETS WELCOME!
TREATS AND REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL!**

INFO: DBISINGER1@VERIZON.NET

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HOLY CROSS WELCOMES YOU,
YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR
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MAY 19, FOLLOWING
DIVINE LITURGY

\$12
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PANCAKES - MEATS
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FRUITS

CHILDREN UNDER
8 YEARS OF AGE
NO CHARGE

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